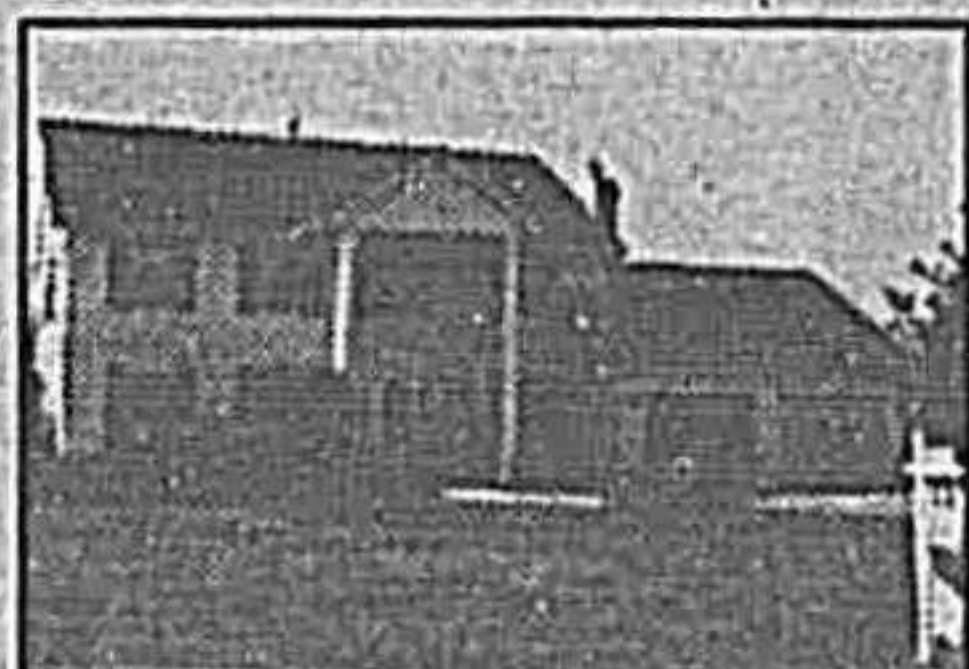


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We're going to Disney World

ACHS's band, choir and color guard were invited to perform for Mickey as a great ending to the school year

By JULIE MURPHY
Staff Reporter

"We've been going to Disney since 1999," said Sue Latino, an AMPS (Antioch Music and Performance Sponsors) member. "We sent in a tape, and it got accepted."

About 150 students traveled to Florida representing Antioch Community High School's (ACHS) band, choir and color guard. They stayed at Disney's All-Star Music Resort.

Mark Waggoner, an incoming senior who performs in both the band and the choir, said the bus trip took 24 hours but that it was well worth the long journey.

"It was a full four days," he said. "They had clinics for us to attend in addition to getting to perform. I really liked the clinics."

Jacquelyn Magiera, an incoming junior, concurred that clinics were the best part of the trip. Magiera, also a member of both the band and the choir, said she would encourage other students to participate in these activities.

"Being in both the band and the choir isn't a conflict," she said. "My friend got me to join the choir, but I was kicking and screaming. Now I love it. It's one of the best



Antioch Community High School's marching band performs down Main Street, USA in Walt Disney World.

things I've done."

Noreen Johnson, coach for the color guard, said there are bands from high schools around the country that perform at Disney World every day. "There were more schools there than just us, but it wasn't a competition," she said. "We do compete, but this was not a competition."

Kellen Grana, also an incoming senior, explained the color guard's role. "We add color and movement when the marching band is performing or is in a parade," she said.

"We dance to the music and use flags for movement. Sometimes we use rifles. Sabers can be part of it, but we haven't used them yet."

As a side note, Grana quickly added that the color guard took first place overall at competition at St. Rita's in Chicago.

"It's kind of hard to tell exactly what you look like when you're out there, but seeing a performance on tape is really cool," said Grana. "It looks great when the (marching) band and color guard are really working together."

Drivers race to victory

By CHRISTY BLANDFORD
Staff Reporter

Three drivers outraced the rest during the third annual Soap Box Derby on Saturday, dashing across the finish line first to collect their grand prize trophies.

In the derby, which was sponsored by the Antioch Parks Department, Mike Mihovilovich, Natalie Stewart and William Waschow outraced 11 other adults, youths and children, respectively to take home the titles of Soap Box Derby winners 2002.

Barbara Porch, executive direc-

tor of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry and a volunteer for the event, said in its third year, the derby had the highest level of participation ever.

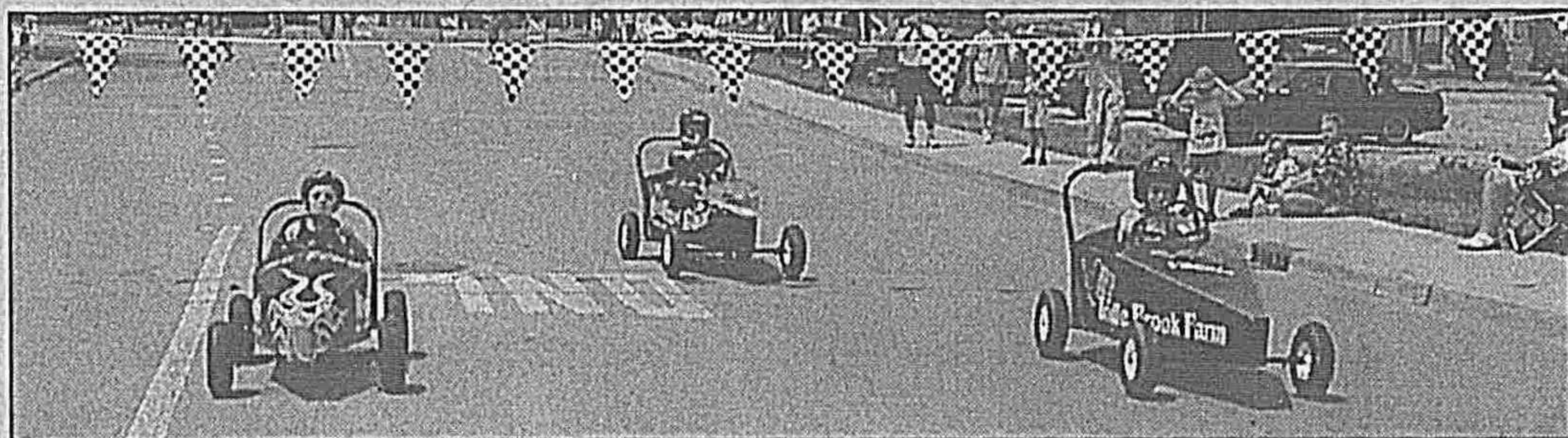
"We didn't have as many (spectators), but we had tremendous heat," she said. "We did have more participation than we've ever had, which was nice. It just kind of snowballed and this year, people were more aware of it and looking forward to it."

Mihovilovich, who had never participated in the event before his win this year, said he attributes his win in the 100 yard race to the

strength of his pushing partner. He said when he was designing the car, he didn't add any special features and his only objective was to design it to "look like one of those Sprint cars they race at Wilmont."

For their wins, Mihovilovich, Stewart and Waschow all received large trophies, and all other contestants received rosette ribbons for participating.

Mihovilovich said he encourages others to participate in the event because of the quality time participants can spend with loved ones while building their derby cars.



(l-r) Gray Dragin, Tyler Vacala and Chris Mihovilovich race to the finish in the 3rd annual soap box derby held in downtown Antioch.—Photo by Samir Id-Deen

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Wal-Mart Wanted?

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Residents express anger in early selection of consultants

By JULIE MURPHY
Staff Reporter

Members of ARRG (Alliance of Residents for Responsible Growth) are angered that the Village has made its selection of consultants prior to the July 11 combined planning and zoning meeting. During the previous public hearing regarding Wal-Mart, it was recommended that consultants conduct independent studies as to what effect the big box development would have on Antioch economically and in terms of traffic.

"We were told that the next time this would come to light would be in July," said Jodi Gott, a resident and ARRG member. "We're extremely disappointed that it appears both that consultants have been selected and that it doesn't appear that there will be independent studies, but only reviews of the current studies."

Bob Silhan, director of planning, zoning and building for the village had asked that he and village engineer Jim Keim be allowed to address the combined planning and zoning board at its last meeting, a public hearing on rezoning issue and on

proposed text changes relevant to fences. At that time they made their recommendations to the board.

Silhan recommended Valerie Kretschmer and Associates to review the financial impact reports provided to village officials, board of trustees and the planning and zoning board by both the developer and residents (largely members of ARRG) at the last Wal-Mart public hearing. He said that Kretschmer and her firm had been a "very close second" when the 1993 downtown impact study was done.

Keim recommended Smith Engineering, a company that is currently working with the village on its road repair project.

Keim said specific protocol is always followed when traffic studies are done, but he does have an issue with the timing of the data of the developers report (done in the winter). He added that he thought a corridor study and plan should be done, but that he didn't have the authority to do one and he felt it was unfair to ask Great Lakes Principals (that has proposed the Wal-Mart in Antioch) to pay for it.

Park board seeks residents help in park district creation

By JULIE MURPHY
Staff Reporter

"I throw this to the community," said Chris Lienhardt, new park board president as he made a presentation to village officials at the regular meeting of the board of directors regarding the creation of a park district for Antioch.

Village administrator Mike Haley said he supports the creation of a parks district "more than anyone" as he explained that, in the past, money earmarked for parks improvement projects was used to pay village bills and that is why several approved parks projects remain incomplete.

"Given the state of the village's finances, I'm surprised we're still in existence," said Mayor Taso Maravelas. "Everyday the administration is working to scrape together the money to get by."

Lienhardt explained that it would be a major undertaking to change Antioch's parks department (that operates under part of the

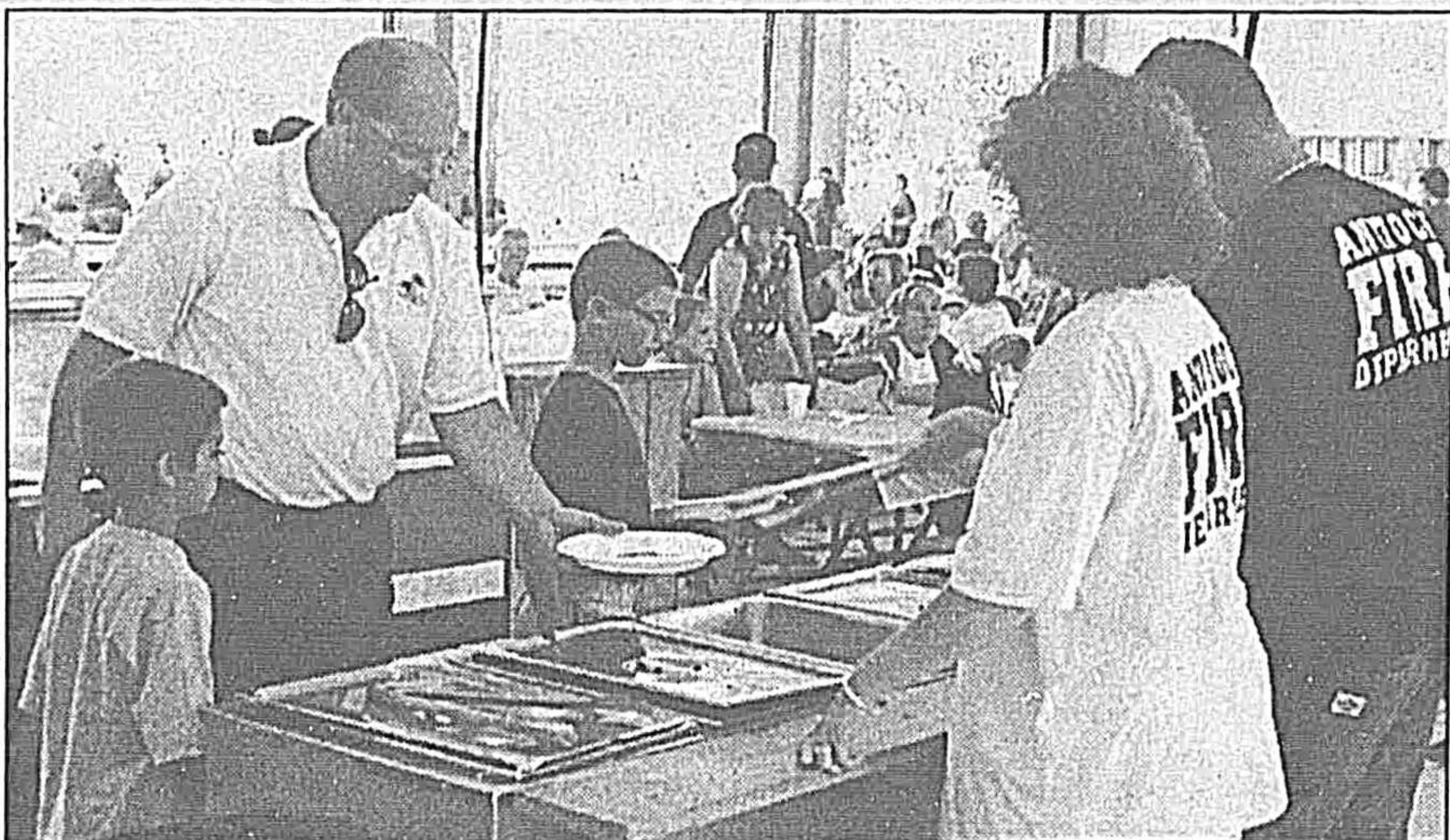
entire village's budget) into park district (that is its own taxing body with its own budget).

"We aren't just going to throw this into referendum without a panel of residents to decide what the mission should be," said Lienhardt. He added that an assessment of who uses the facilities and programs offered through the parks department would be helpful in determining whether a park district should include the entire township or just the village.

One of the larger issues for the park board is determining how to replace the swimming pool that was built in 1958, and considered small considering the growth seen in the area.

"We're not going to be able to replace the swimming pool as park board," said Lienhardt. "We wouldn't have enough money to be able to do that."

Lienhardt said the park board is also considering creating a "friends of the parks" organization and is interested in community involvement.



Selling like hot cakes

(top) J. J. Aparo gets an up front look at fire apparatus at the Annual Firemen's breakfast held at the main fire station in Antioch. (bottom) Casey Kurinec and his son Scott line up to be served their pancakes by Denise Lienhardt at the Annual Firemen's Pancake breakfast held at the main fire station in Antioch. —Photo by Samir id-Deen

POLICE BEAT

Persons charged with a crime are innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

LAKE VILLA

DUI

Mark H. Johnson, 44, of 224 S. Channel, Round Lake Beach, was arrested by Lake Villa Police on June 29, at 2:46 a.m., while driving southbound on Cedar Lake Road near Monaville. When police did a routine check of the driver's license plate, his license was found to be expired. When stopped, he admitted to having "quite a few" drinks, according to police reports. He failed three of three field sobriety tests, and refused a breath test. Because his license was expired, it was confiscated, and a "void" receipt was issued. Johnson was charged with DUI and driving without a valid license. He was released on a \$3,000 I-bond, pending an appearance in Waukegan courtroom C-402, on Aug. 2, at 9 a.m.

Domestic battery

Jerome B. Witwicki, 51, of 800 Berwyn, Chicago, was arrested by Lake Villa Police on June 22, at 2:46 p.m., at his ex-wife's home on Apache Trails. Police responded to a complaint of a domestic dispute. Witwicki, divorced for one week, was dropping off his son, when he tried to take a wet-dry vacuum that he said belonged to him. His ex-wife wanted to keep the vacuum to dry the basement because the sump pump was broken. She alleged that Witwicki physically struggled with her over the vacuum, and that he tried to choke her. Police observed scratches on her arm, and swelling and redness on her biceps. Witwicki was charged with domestic battery, and remanded to the Lake County Jail, pending bond hearing.

Illegal crossing at railroad

Steven L. Johnson, 39, of 222 W. Grand Ave., Lake Villa, was arrested by Lake Villa Police on June 28, at 9:11 p.m., on Cedar Avenue at the railroad crossing. Police observed the driver cross over the tracks at a speed of 15 mph while the red warning lights

were flashing and the safety gate was moving downward. The driver said his license was revoked, and he had no insurance. He was charged with disobeying a railroad crossing traffic control device, driving an uninsured motor vehicle and driving with a revoked license.

LINDENHURST

DUI

Mark W. Camposagrado, 22, of 37210 N. Alexandra, Lake Villa, was arrested by Lindenhurst Police on June 30, at 2:38 a.m., while driving on Route 45 near Route 132. Police stopped the driver after observing him making a wide right turn, crossing lane markers into oncoming traffic. He crossed back over the fog line and back again, over the center line. Police noted an odor of alcohol in the vehicle. The driver said he left his license at home. He told police he was driving because the other passengers were too drunk. He admitted drinking three vodka tonics. He was charged with DUI, DUI over .08 BAC and improper lane usage. He was released on a \$3,000 I-bond, pending an appearance in Waukegan courtroom C-402, on July 16, at 9 a.m.

Valerie R. Gish, 44, of 139 Heritage Court, Gurnee, was arrested by Lindenhurst Police on June 28, at 9:53 p.m., while driving eastbound on Route 132 near Emerald Lane. Police first observed her at Grand Avenue and Sand Lake Road, driving 51 mph in a 35-mph zone. She was seen crossing lane dividers twice. An odor of alcohol was detected on her breath. She admitted to drinking three Cosmopolitans at 7:30 p.m. She failed six of six field sobriety tests, and a breath test yielded a result of .152 BAC. She was charged with speeding, improper lane usage, DUI and DUI over .08 BAC. She was released after posting \$100 cash and her driver's license as bond, pending an appearance in Waukegan courtroom C-402, on July 16, at 9 a.m.

Come Worship With Us A Directory Of Antioch Area Churches

Graceland Baptist Church, 258 Ida St., Antioch, IL. Sunday School 11am., Morning Worship 11am., Sunday Evening 7pm. Robert Williams, Pastor.

First Church of Christ, Scientist & Reading Rm. Rte 173 and Harden, Antioch, Phone (847) 395-1196. Sunday School, Sunday Church Service 10:30am, Wednesday, 7:30pm.

Beautiful Savior Evangelical Lutheran Church, 554 Parkway, Antioch. Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod, Pastor Darold Gruen, Phone (847) 265-2450. Sunday Worship at 9am, Sunday School, High School & Adult Bible Classes 10:30am.

Heritage Lutheran Church, Lindenhurst Civic Center, 1949 Old Elm Rd., Lindenhurst. (847) 356-1766. Sunday service 10:00 am, Sunday School & Bible Class 9:00 am. (summer schedule - 9:00 am Sunday) Rev. Mark W. Anderson, Pastor.

St. Ignatius Episcopal, 500 Depol St. Antioch Phone (847) 395-0652. Low Mass 7:30am., High Mass 9:30am Sunday School & Nursery 9:30am. Rev. Vincent Eckholm, Pastor.

Antioch Evangelical Free Church, 750 Highview Dr. Phone (847) 395-4117. Sunday Worship 8:15, 9:30 & 11:00am, Sunday School for all ages, infant thru adult, 9:30am. Children's Church 11am. Awana, Youth, Women's Ministries, Men's Ministries, Growth Groups, Seniors. Senior Pastor David M. Groleau.

St. Stephen Lutheran Church (ELCA), 1155 Hillside Ave. Phone (847) 395-3359. Sunday Worship, 8:00, 9:30, 10:45am. Rev. Roger Black, Pastor. Saturday Worship Service 5:00pm

Christian Life Fellowship Assemblies of God Church, 41625 Deep Lake Rd., Antioch. Phone (847) 395-8572. Sunday School (all ages) 9am., Sunday Morning Worship 10am., Children's Church 10am., Sunday Evening Worship 6:30pm., Wednesday Worship & Children's Program 7am., Tues. Women's Fellowship & Bible Study 9-11:30am. Jeff Brussaly, Pastor.

Faith Evangelical Lutheran, 1275 Main St., Phone (847) 395-1600. Sunday Worship 8 & 10:30am., Sunday School 9:25am., Sat. 7pm., Rev. Gregory Hermanson, Pastor. Christian Day School (847) 395-1664.

Millburn Congregational United Church of Christ, Grass Lake Rd. at Rte. 45. Phone (847) 356-5237. Sunday Service 10am. Children's Program 10am. Rev. Paul R. Meltzer, Pastor.

Antioch United Methodist Church, 848 Main St., Antioch, Phone (847) 395-1259. Rev. Gary Curl, Pastor. Worship 5pm Saturday, 8:00 & 10:30am Sunday. Children's Church 8am; Adult Discussion Group 9:15am; Sunday; Sunday School 10:30am. Nursery care for children through 3 years of age from 8:00 to 11:30am. Coffee and conversation after each service.

St. Peter's Church, 557 W. Lake St., Antioch. Phone (847) 395-0274. Masses weekdays, 7:30am; Sunday 6:30, 8, 9:30, 11:30am & Saturday 5:30pm. Rev. Father Ronald H. Anglim, Pastor.

Chain of Lakes Community Bible Church, 23201 W. Grass Lake Rd., Antioch, Phone (847) 838-0103. Sunday Worship 8:15 and 11:00. Sunday School 9:45. Children's Church 11:00. Youth, Women's, Awana & Small Group ministries.

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church (Missouri Synod), 25100 W. Grand Ave. (Rte. 59 & 132), Lake Villa. (847) 356-5158. Sunday Worship 8:15 & 10:45am; Sunday School (3 and up) and Bible Study 9:30am. Christian Preschool. Rev. John Zellmer, Pastor.

Lighthouse Church of Antioch, 554 Parkway Ave., Antioch, IL (847) 838-0616. Saturday Evening Service 7:00 p.m. Adventure Club for Kids, Adult Bible Study Saturday Evening 6:00 p.m. Monday Evening Bible Study 7:00 p.m. Thursday Evening PTSD Support Group 7:00 p.m. Senior Pastor Tom Bartmer.

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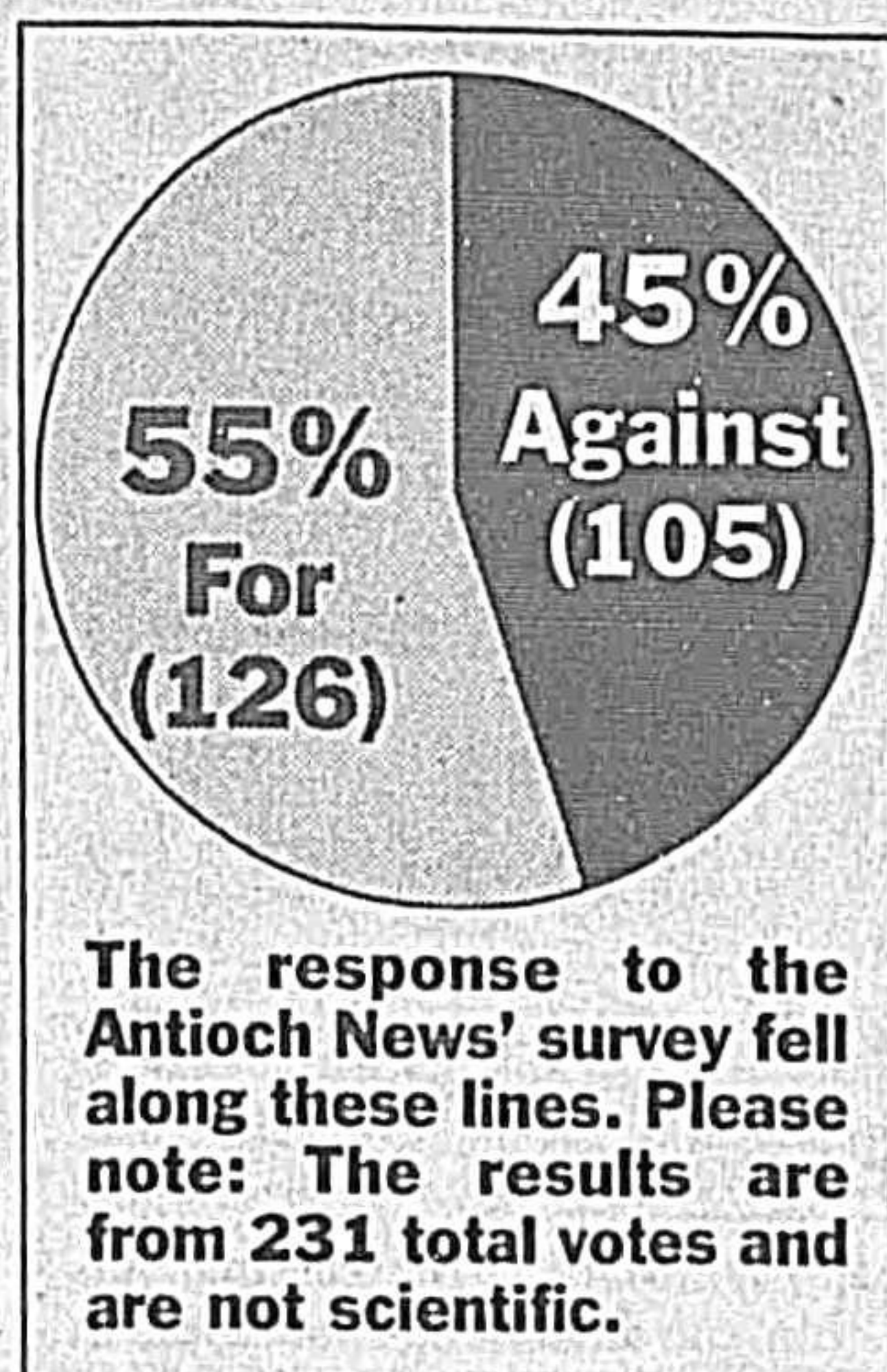
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paper. It says, "Additionally, Antioch Community Consolidated Dist. 34 and Antioch Community High School Dist. 117 would receive \$325,000 and \$255,000 respectively each year." I am an ACHS alumnus, and I know that they are undertaking the large, and quite possibly, unnecessary project of building a second school. That takes money, and obviously the taxes from the Wal-Mart would be helpful. However, I am also a Grass Lake Elementary School alumnus, and GLS quite recently put a large addition onto the old school that I attended for nine years. Why is it that Antioch Lower/Middle Grade would be privileged to all that money and Grass Lake would not? I would hate to not be able to see the school that I labored through for nine years, because it didn't receive enough funding, while the in-town schools got all of it! I feel that even though the Grade School is not within the town limits doesn't mean that it should be condemned as township. All the township grade schools send their alumni off to the same high school as the in-town schools, which means that they all have equal rights to the Wal-Mart tax. It would be discrimination for all the taxes to go to the Antioch Community Consolidated Dist. 34, because Grass Lake and Emmons students could be at a learning disadvantage to the Antioch schools. I won't vote yes unless there is something in it for my side of town.

Cory McHale
Antioch

Vote with your mind

Emotions are running high on both sides of this issue. Since very few people know what the GLP proposal contains or can attest to the accuracy of that document (me included), I'm sure that people will have to vote with their hearts and not their heads. Emotions must not play a part in this decision. An informed decision must be made based upon whether or not this development is a detriment or a benefit to this village. At the June 6 Zoning Board meeting, research on several aspects of the proposal was presented by a citizen's group that raised some serious issues which need to be considered when evaluating the GLP proposal. Using those concerns, the guidelines of the Comprehensive Plan, and the assistance of an independent consultant, the members of both the Zoning and Village Boards should be able to make an informed decision as to whether or not this proposed development is in our village's

Wal-Mart • What YOU'RE saying

best interest.

Tom Wedell
Antioch

Antioch decides for or against Wal-Mart!

Terry Walker-Widell
Antioch

At what cost?

The fact that this proposal is for a Wal-Mart is just one part of the issue. The bigger question is: Who is in favor of destroying the community of Antioch and our way of life? The numbers do not lie—There is no big tax benefit to be gained once you consider increased taxes, the cost of more crime to be policed, more traffic to be controlled, more services to be provided by the village, more air and water pollution. Those who think Antioch will gain on this deal are sadly misinformed or they just don't get it, but they won't figure that out until it is in their laps. And the biggest crime of all will be the irreversible effects on the wildlife and the environment and the quality of life that we all enjoy. Those who promote this will have to live with the fact that they allowed irresponsible development to destroy property and habitat that can't be replaced just so they don't have to drive 10-15 minutes to buy cheap goods. How will they explain to their children and grandchildren that they gave up their heritage for a few bucks and some convenience, that they sold them out for cheap pajamas and underwear made in foreign sweatshops by 8-year-olds, and that what they've done cannot be undone or replaced—ever.

Brenda J. Lytner
Antioch

Trying to understand

Although I am opposed to the Wal-Mart proposal, I have tried to understand the point of view of those in favor. The way I interpret their letters and comments, the reasons that residents favor Wal-Mart are:

- 1) Convenience. I don't understand this reason. If you drive 10 minutes or 20 what difference does it make in the grand scheme?
- 2) Wal-Mart has lower prices and more variety of merchandise than current Antioch businesses. This is true. No one disputes this. We must not overlook the fact, though, that our current businesses offer services that Wal-Mart does not. For example would you want to get advice and purchase a sump pump at Wal-Mart or ACE if your basement was flooding? The real question is do we need every option in every town. I don't think so.
- 3) The tax revenue generated by Wal-Mart. This is the only reason that appears valid and worthy of evaluation. The issue here is that we don't have the facts. We need "net" tax revenue after subtracting all tax decreases from current business and increases due to extra police and other village services that Wal-Mart will require. After this net number is derived the village needs to determine if the increase in traffic and other negatives will be offset by the increase in revenue.

Finally I have to voice my concern with the symbol that is being used by those in favor of Wal-Mart. Yellow ribbons were used during Desert Storm in honor of American troops. This decision just isn't of the same magnitude. We will all survive whether

An outsider's perspective

I live in Oregon in a community quite near a town where a Wal-Mart was built several years ago. It has noticeably changed the town in ways I do not favor, and I would not like to see Antioch experience the same things. The addition of Wal-Mart-like stores changes the feel of a town. Specifically, local businesses suffer, many go out of business and a more impersonal atmosphere prevails. Downtown areas often fail; businesses turn over frequently as new owners try to establish themselves after purchasing a community business that has been sold for a low price just so long-time owners can break even. This leads to an unsettled feeling in town, and a far less relaxed atmosphere as people are not as familiar with one another. Other unpleasant changes occur as time passes. Prices which are initially low do not always stay that way, and I believe a community becomes more vulnerable to crime when there is a more transient feel to the population.

I urge everyone who has a part in deciding whether Wal-Mart is allowed to come to Antioch to say NO. It is not worth the minor savings in dollars for items readily available from local merchants to change the whole atmosphere of the community to one that is more impersonal and where local money ends up supporting a very large corporation rather than putting it back into the home community.

Pam Stewart
Corvallis, Oregon

In favor

I'd like to vote a big "yes" to the proposed Wal-Mart. Our girl Barbara has hit the thumbtack on the head! I go once or twice a week to the Wal-Mart in Gurnee or Round Lake. There is no reason that the tax money should not go into our town and our schools. We need it! I love Antioch and I'd love it even more with a Wal-Mart.

Chris Beranek
Antioch

Stick to plan

The village should stick to the comprehensive plan and control growth. Developers will continue to decide how and when our village will grow unless we make those decisions. Our schools will still have financial problems even with all the commercial growth possible in Antioch. Look around every community that has "sprawl" has trouble funding their schools. The schools that are well funded have higher property values and fewer students per home. Wal-Mart and Neumann Homes go hand in hand and will never solve our

school funding. What will solve school funding? A change in the way we tax to pay for schools! Until then, here's some suggestions. What about an upper-end retirement community like Del Webb's Sun City in Huntley; a corporate office park like those alone Rtes. 43 and 21; a country club community with a golf course surrounded by wonderful homes or a science/technical park for research and development. Has anyone tried to see what we need to do to attract these types of businesses? We may have to invest in the infrastructure up front but wouldn't that be a plan we could live with? I say let's try before we surrender our most valuable asset, open land, to the next developers that have no interest in our community or the results we will live with forever.

Peter Bolender
Antioch

See the light

What matters is what happens to a community when a developer is allowed to put 66 acres of land under concrete and blacktop to create a grossly oversized retail site. What matters is what happens to a community like Antioch when the business district is decentralized and revenue is diverted away from it. What matters is what happens to a community like Antioch when a developer is allowed to light up 106 parking lot lights and leave them on all night, every night. What matters is what happens to a community like Antioch when a development creates two or three times the amount of traffic on inadequate roads. There are so many issues that have not been examined thoroughly enough. Most of them are being covered up by the Wal-Mart smokescreen perpetrated by Great Lakes Properties and their friends. For some reason certain people don't want the public to be educated to the facts of the true impact of developments of this type. No matter that the American Planning Association has condemned "Big Box Development" and has pro-

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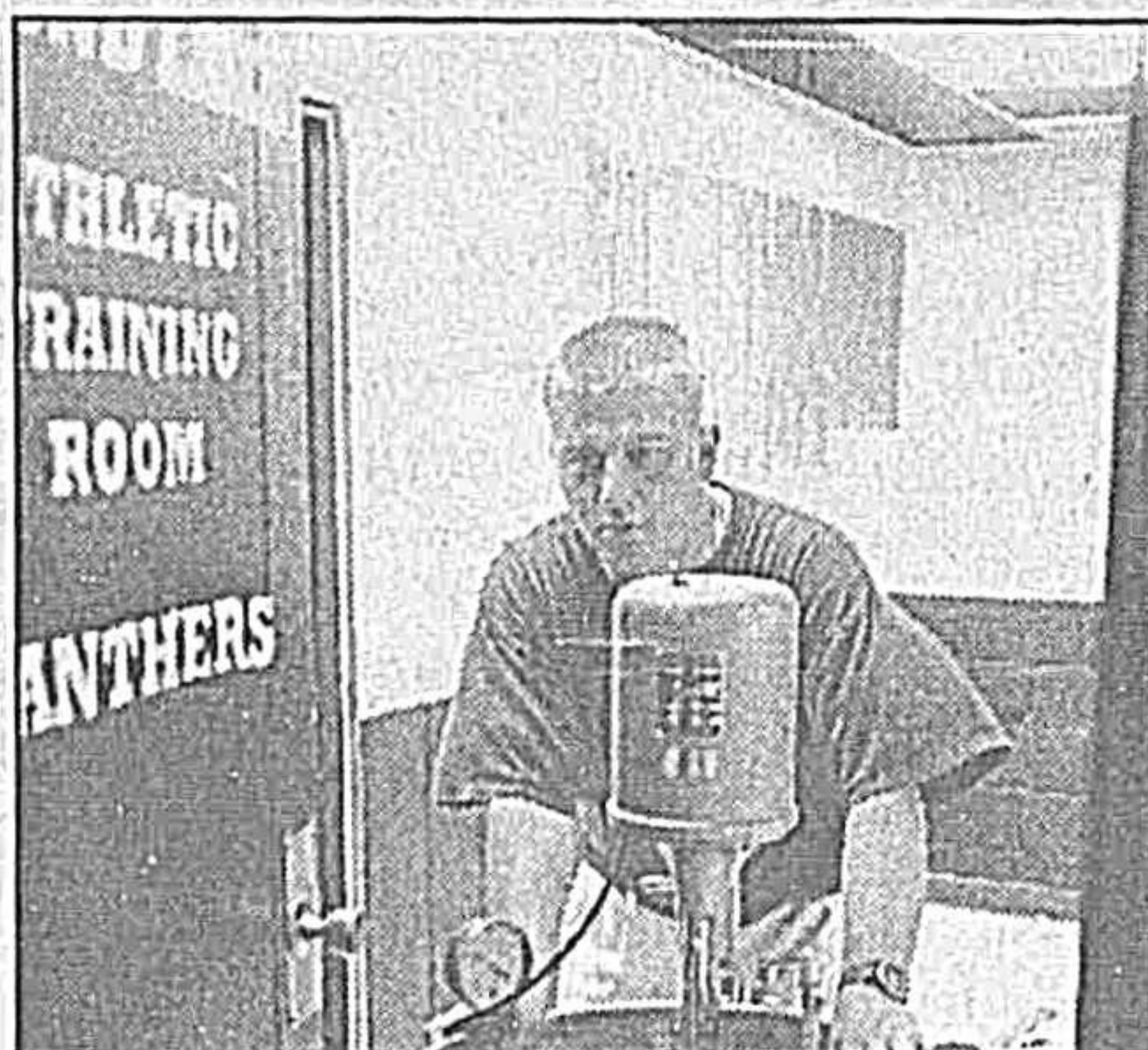
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LAST CALL

John Phelps



Condell's Dan Henrichs, athletic trainer at Carmel High School, helps unload old water therapy equipment from the Round Lake High School training room—Photo by Sandy Bressner

It's only right

Mike Lampi Jr. is looking down with pride. Panther Pride, that is. The school has been battling financial crisis for years. Last October, it lost its popular and well-liked quarterback after injuries sustained in a game.

Through it all, though, Panther Pride stood tall. Fighting and scratching, just like a Panther would. In the few short months to follow, Panther Pride is about to take on a whole new meaning.

Condell Medical Center Director of Sports Medicine Larry Scire and his staff have moved in.

It was just approved between RLHS and Condell; the acquiring, or renovating, shall we say, of a new athletic training room.

Round Lake High School will make it an even 10 schools now in the county in which Condell contracts licensed medical professional athletic trainers.

"It's really too bad this has to happen because of a tragedy," said Scire, a 10-year veteran of Condell. "But there is no compromising when it comes to safety. We want to do it right professionally. It's also a way of acknowledging Mike (Lampi's) sacrifice and what he stood for."

This will be the eighth training room that Scire has been a part of where transforming and renovating is concerned. For the Round Lake project, Scire is joined by fellow Condell trainers Dan Henrichs, Carmel High's athletic trainer, and Al Lukomsky, the athletic trainer at Mundelein High School. Other staff members of Condell will assist sporadically with renovating throughout the next month. Students who are interested in athletic training are also encouraged to assist in the process. It all translates to Condell's mission statement—identifying the needs of the community in a cost-effective way.

"We're very excited, from the Condell staff to the school to the students and community," added Scire. "It's a way of honoring Mike and all of the community and student body." Initial renovations will cost roughly \$2,500.

The 'new' athletic training room, which will be completed sometime in early August, will feature the following new equipment, if not upgrades: ultrasound, weights, therapeutic modalities, treatment tables, hydrotherapy, and, an ice maker, for those nagging bumps, bruises and pulls.

"The room will basically have amenities that are consistent with a fully-equipped training room," said Scire. He said the room would be operational by Aug. 10.

And having a new training room also means having a new trainer, which Round Lake High hasn't had in nearly two years. Enter former Evanston High Athletic Trainer Scott DeGraff. DeGraff earned his bachelor's at Illinois Wesleyan University before getting his master's in athletic training at Illinois State. DeGraff's resume also features internships with the Chicago Bears and the NFL's European Football League.

The new training room will officially be dedicated in Lampi's honor sometime shortly after the school year starts.

Sounds like all of the ingredients are falling into place. Just how Mike Lampi would have wanted it.

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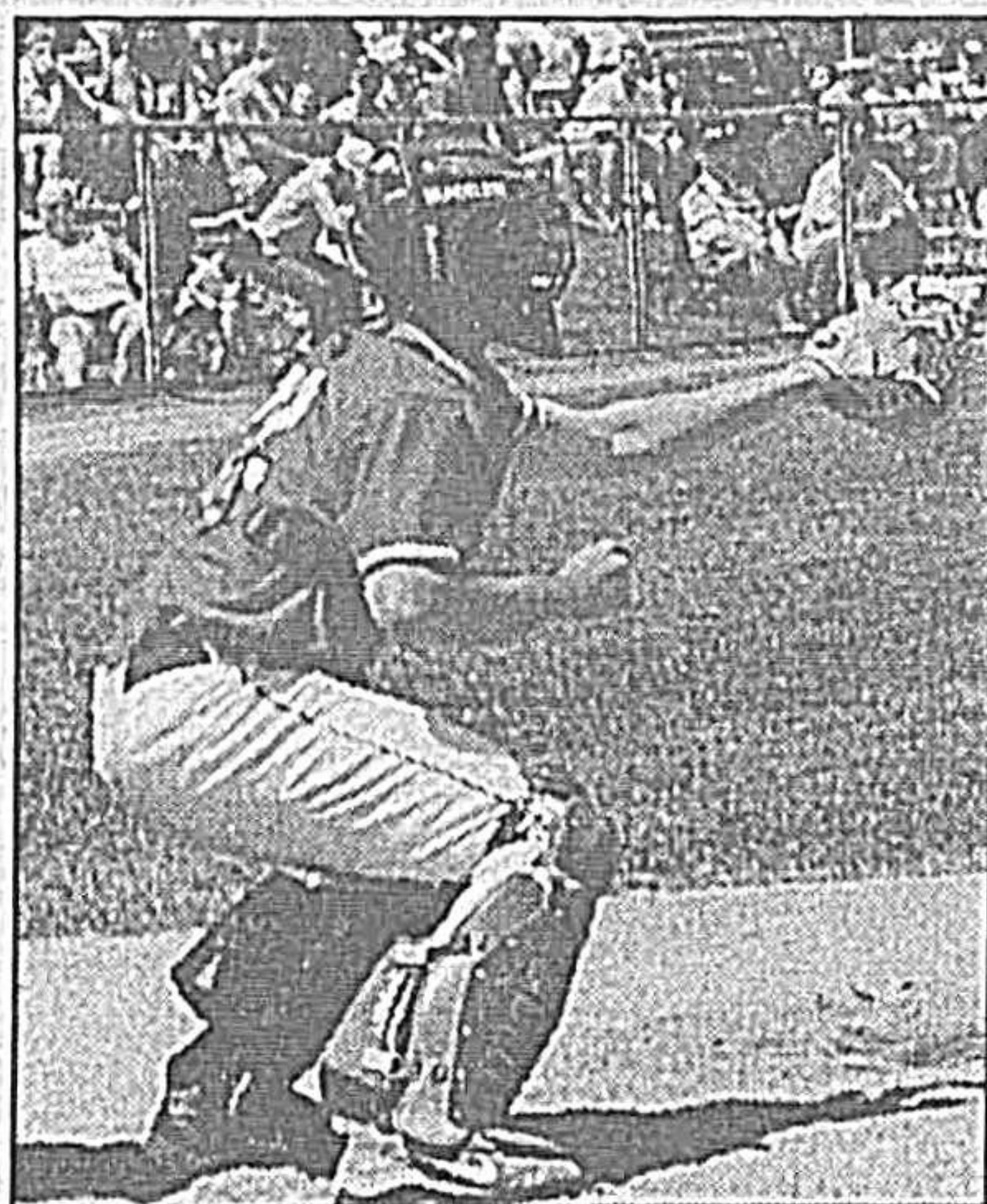
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2002 Lakeland All-Area Boys Baseball Team

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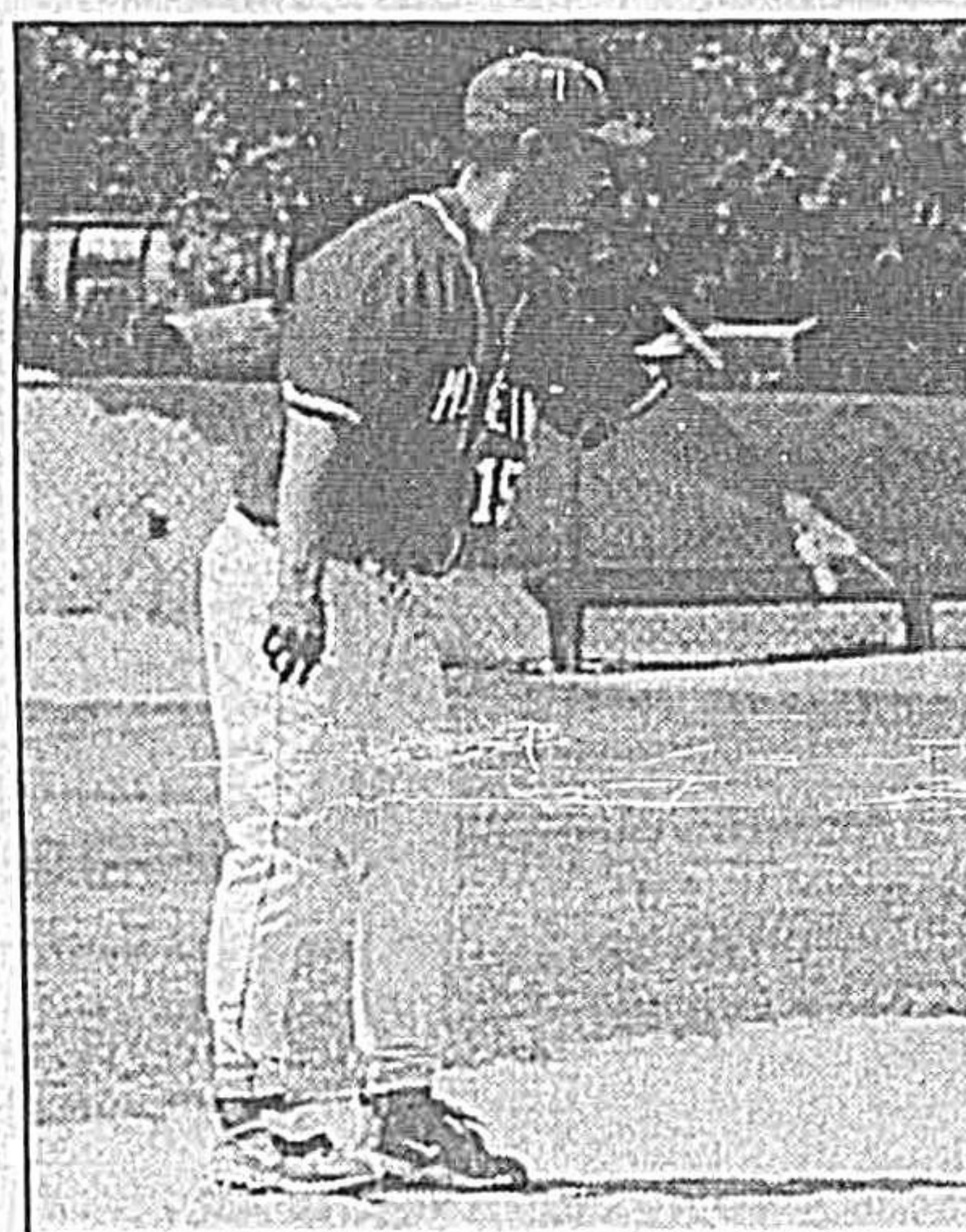
PLAYER OF THE YEAR



Chris Hynes
Sr., C/P, Mundelein

The iron man of the fourth-place Mustangs did it all, injured, no less. Heading to Indiana University next year, Hynes batted a sparkling .496 while banging out 58 hits, including eight home runs. Also drove in 57 runs and scored 47 runs. All three shattered Mundelein High season records. Hynes can also pitch, as evidenced by his 7-2 record and 1.34 ERA with 44 strikeouts. Played the last three weeks of the season with a broken bone on top of his right foot.

COACH OF THE YEAR



Todd Parola
Mundelein

Parola knows how to get the most out of his players. Having just completed his eighth year at the helm, the Mundelein skipper has really turned the Mustang baseball program into an area, if not state power. The last four years, the Mustangs have posted 30-plus wins, including the program's first super-sectional berth since 1978. If that wasn't enough, Parola and the boys claimed a fourth-place trophy at the IHSA State tournament in Geneva a few short weeks ago. With the talented roster the Mustangs will return in 2003, look for Mundelein, under the coach's leadership, to make a return trip downstate.

HONORABLE MENTION

Antioch
Ryan Callanan, Sr., 1B/3B
Scott Coles, Jr., LF

Carmel
Josh Buckenburger, Sr., RF
Ryan Hopkins, Sr., LF/P

Grant
Chad Stroup, Sr., 1B/P
Jeff Dunak, Sr., RF
Dave Belini, Sr., 3B/P

Grayslake
Jerad Swearingen, Sr., P/IF

Libertyville
Ben Engstrom, Jr., SS
J.D. Hermann, Sr., 1B
Chris Anest, Sr., IF

Mundelein
Steve Smith, Sr., OF
Kyle Frischmann, Sr., 2B
Jeff Weir, Sr., P

Round Lake
Dan Rathjen, Jr., P/LF
Jimbo Nicolaine, Jr., P/IF
Jason Kallirowski, Sr., OF/1B

Vernon Hills
Jason Acevedo, Sr., P/1B
Justin Mooney, Jr., C
Russell Koopman, Sr., P/OF

Warren
Jeff Donohoe, Sr., P/IF
Ashton Hughes, Sr., IF/OF

Wauconda
Jack Kopaz, Jr., C
Brian Malone, Sr., 3B
Mike Quick, Sr., OF

FIRST TEAM

Chris Kocinski, Antioch

The rock-solid senior catcher heads to the University of Chicago next year to join brother Nick. But the mark was left, as (Chris) Kocinski batted close to .400 on 40 hits this spring for the 25-win Sequoits. Kocinski was also a nice complement on the mound to aces Chris Malec and Shawn Schuler. And look out in the collegiate ranks—you don't want to try and steal a base this guy.

Chris Malec, Antioch

Malec set a new standard for pitching at Antioch the last three years. This spring, the senior mowed down hitters to the tune of 106 batters while walking only 37 to go along with his .082 ERA. The guy can also hit, too, as indicative by his .367 average.

Sean Walker, Carmel

This 3-sport star just keeps getting better and better. This spring, the junior pitcher/catcher batted .450 with eight doubles and seven round-trippers. Also knocked in 29 RBI while scoring 40 runs.

Brandon Ziemann, Carmel

The sophomore center fielder/pitcher batted .445 with five homers, 23 RBI and 43 runs scored.

Larry Gempp Jr., Grant

A finalist in the IHSA Hitting Derby the last three years, the pure swing of this senior centerfielder filled a different role other than a power hitter this spring. Hitting in the No. 2 spot, batted a sparkling .433. Also a threat on the base paths with 14 stolen baggies on the season.

Eric Lemcke, Grant

Mr. Versatility, the senior shortstop/pitcher batted .433 on 29 hits in 67 at-bats. On the hill, was 3-3 with 46 strikeouts in just 32 innings. Had a slugging percentage of .863. Struck out a season-high 16 in a 2-0 victory over Vernon Hills.

Scott Wold, Grayslake

The junior catcher was solid behind the plate, with his blocking abilities and cannon of an arm. At the plate, led the Rams with 13 RBI. Batted .280 with three home runs and 13 RBI.

John Dwan, Libertyville

The Wildcats senior ace pitcher went

8-4 with a 1.54 ERA. His 98 strikeouts made him the school's all-time leader in that category. Bound for Michigan State University next year, showed power with the bat in hitting .387.

Phil Marchinski, Libertyville

The senior catcher was a take-charge kind of a guy. Called some really nice games for the Cats. At the plate, batted .295 with 35 RBI while hitting in the clean-up role.

Clay Kovac, Mundelein

The junior pitcher wreaked havoc with batters—pitching and hitting. On the hill, posted a 13-2 mark with a 1.54 ERA and 99 strikeouts. At the plate, he led the area with 14 round-trippers while also amassing a .420 average with 57 RBI and 37 runs scored.

Mike Nilles, Mundelein

The junior pitcher was a terrific complement to Kovac with his 8-3 record and 2.91 ERA. Fanned 46 batters while issuing only eight free passes. Offensively, batted .357 with nine homers, 35 RBI, 43 runs scored. Also stole 10 bases.

Justin Lueck, Round Lake

The senior lead-off hitter and three-year varsity starter batted .375, a number that included 18 extra-base hits. A demon on the base paths, swiped 23 this spring. In center field, committed only one error.

Jason Newburger, Vernon Hills

The senior pitcher/third baseman was blistering with the bat for the 22-win Cougars. Hit .515 with seven doubles, three triples and eight homers. Knocked in 41 runs. Also had a .915 fielding percentage and swiped 10 bases.

Ryne Sanchez, Warren

The senior played just about everywhere in the infield for the Devils. Batted .395 with seven round-trippers and 27 RBI.

Todd Schroeder, Wauconda

The versatile senior played pitcher, outfield and third base. The three-year varsity player and All-NSC selection will carry his talents to the University of Missouri-St. Louis this fall.

SECOND TEAM

Shawn Schuler, Antioch

A terrific No. 2 pitcher behind Malec, the senior racked up a 7-1 record with 49 strikeouts. At the plate, batted a robust .366 on 37 hits.

Joe Finkelberg, Antioch

As good of a designated hitter in the area, the senior batted .368 with 26 RBI. Covered the outfield well, splitting time in center and left. A real team leader, along with Kocinski.

Ryan Myers, Carmel

The senior third baseman/pitcher, despite being plagued by arm problems, still cranked out a .408 average on 40 hits. Smacked nine doubles and eight home runs while knocking in a team-leading 33 runs. Was 4-5 on the hill with 61 strikeouts in 48 innings of work.

Mike Stonelake, Carmel

The senior shortstop hit .402 with two homers, 18 RBI and 31 runs scored.

Brendan Lutz, Grant

A three-year starter, the senior catcher broke the Grant career record for doubles (28) while still holding the all-time school mark for career at-bats (309). Behind the plate, threw out 42 percent of those who tried to steal. Batted .416 with nine doubles, five homers and 21 RBI.

Saul Molina, Grayslake

He didn't always get the run support but the senior pitcher/outfielder knew how to fight and hang in there. Was Grayslake's leading hitter with his .359 average. Belted one home run with 12 RBI.

Pat Feeney, Grayslake

The senior third baseman/pitcher was 3-6 on the hill with a 3.32 ERA with 58 strikeouts. At the plate, batted .258 and had a team-leading 15 RBI. Headed to Butler University to pitch next year.

Adam Roscher, Libertyville

A nice complement to ace Dwan, the

senior pitcher went 8-2 with a 1.29 ERA. His career ERA of 1.56 puts him fourth on the school's all-time list. Did it with the bat, too, with his .330 average to go along with 21 RBI.

Millan Stankovitch, Mundelein

The senior outfielder led the Mustangs with 50 runs scored and 14 stolen bases while hitting in the lead-off spot. Batted .358 with 22 RBI for the 32-win Mustangs. Also played error-free ball in the outfield.

Luke Eber, Mundelein

The senior shortstop batted .344 with 11 doubles, four triples, four homers, 26 RBI and 43 runs scored.

Mike Pfeeger, Round Lake

The senior power man and first baseman batted .300 for the 12-win Panthers. Still contemplating college choices. A solid leader and three-year varsity player.

John Griffin, Vernon Hills

The senior second baseman hit .376 with six doubles, four home runs and 30 RBI. Also helped the Vernon defense turn 13 double plays.

Billy Jackson, Vernon Hills

The senior shortstop led the Cougars with 15 steals and 40 runs scored while batting .358.

Scott Shaw, Warren

The sophomore was the jack of all trades, playing multiple positions for Warren while batting .356.

Ross Jensen, Warren

The junior catcher/infielder hit .346 with 18 RBI while playing solid defensively, especially behind the plate.

Kyle Frazier, Wauconda

The senior was the field general from his center field position. An Honorable Mention All-NSC selection, led Wauconda in hitting with his .300 average.

That was then... (Pre-season rankings)

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| 1. Carmel | 6. Vernon Hills |
| 2. Antioch | 7. Grayslake |
| 3. Libertyville | 8. Warren |
| 4. Grant | 9. Round Lake |
| 5. Mundelein | 10. Wauconda |

This is now.... (Final)

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First golf outing to benefit high school athletic departments

By JULIE MURPHY
Staff Reporter

A good game of golf is about more than just a low score when the proceeds will benefit the athletic departments of two local high schools.

Larry Mondie, owner of the Baskin-Robbins/Dunkin' Donuts of Antioch, is sponsoring the first annual golf outing to support Antioch Community High School and Grant Community High School. "This is a very worthwhile event," he said.

The outing will be held at the Antioch Golf Club on Aug. 8. There will be a noon shotgun start.

Those interested can choose to have lunch and golf or attend a special dinner afterwards, or do the whole kit and kaboodle. Tickets are limited to 120, and are expected to go quickly.

For \$70, one can shoot 18 holes

of golf with a cart and have both lunch and dinner provided. Golf and lunch is \$55, and dinner only is \$25.

Additionally, Mondie is looking for local businesses that may wish to donate cash or merchandise for prizes and raffles.

"As a business owner myself, I understand the extent of solicitations for donations you receive," he said. "I am hoping you find this to be one of the events you can support."

Tee sponsorship is an option available for \$50.

To guarantee registration, send a check payable to the Antioch Golf Club along with name (and company name if applicable), address, phone, number in group to Baskin-Robbins/Dunkin' Donuts of Antioch, attn: Larry, 442 Orchard St., Antioch, IL 60002.

Questions should be directed to Mondie at 847-395-9530.



Swinging summer

Six-year-old Shawn Paul plays around on a swingset for sale at the St. Peter Church rummage sale fund-raiser in Antioch.—Photo by Sandy Bressner

Club provides travel variety

Affordable day trips make up a good portion of First National Bank Employee-Owned's (FNBO) Eagle 50 Travelers Club program.

On July 10, a special outing is planned for either mothers and daughters or grandmothers and granddaughters to go see the American Girl Review. The cost of \$50 per person covers motor coach transportation, shopping, lunch and a show, leaving at 8:15 a.m. and returning at 6 p.m.

The next outing will be to see "The Sound of Music" at The Fireside Theatre in Fort Atkinson, Wis. on July 21. The travel times will be the same, and \$59 buys the show, lunch and motor coach transportation.

The Fox River Queen boat cruise launches on July 24. Travel times are still be finalized, but \$34 will include the cruise, lunch and transportation.

Baseball lovers get a treat on Aug. 14 when the club travels to Wrigley Field to watch the Cubs play the Houston Astros. Game tickets, motor coach transportation and snacks on the bus are included in the \$27 cost.

To find out more about these day trips, or upcoming extended travel trips, call Nancy Renter at 847-838-2265.



On your marks!

Tyler Vacala (in the center car) gets his water before starting his race in the annual soap box derby held in downtown Antioch.—Photo by Samir id-Deen

PM&L season's last performance to be held at VFW

"We believe that the show must go on, and hope you do too," said Betty Smouse, publicity director for PM&L Theatre. "PM&L is sorry for any inconvenience that may be caused as our season's last show will be held at the VFW Hall due to renovation to the theater."

"It Had to Be You," by Renne Taylor and Joseph Bologna, is the last show in the schedule for Season 41. It's opening performance will be held on July 26 at 8 p.m., and it and all subsequent shows will be held at the VFW Hall located at 75 west North Avenue, Antioch.

In addition to the opening night performance, there will be performances on July 27-28, Aug. 2-4 and Aug. 9-11. Friday and Saturday night performances are at 8 p.m. and the Sunday afternoon performances are at 2:30 p.m.

Ticket prices are \$10 for adults, \$8 for students and seniors. Reservations can be made through the mail now by sending a check along with name, address and phone number to PM&L, PO Box 23, Antioch, IL 60002.

Box office hours are Monday-Thursday 5:30-7:30 p.m. and on Saturday from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. The phone number for reservations is 847-395-3055.

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Rally for pediatric brain tumor foundation

Everyone loves American English, the Beatlesque band, and seeing them play at the July 5 Friday Fest will also help to support the Pediatric Brain Tumor Foundation of the United States.

A motorcycle rally is being held in conjunction with the music, food, fun and farmers' market Fridays are becoming known for in the village. The event will take place at the regular Friday Fest location in the William E. Brook Memorial Wetland and Entertainment Center off of Orchard and Skidmore, behind the stores on the east side of Main St.

The non-profit charitable foundation seeks to find the cause and cure of childhood brain tumors through the support of medical research in addition to providing support for children and their families.

Ted Nielsen, of Nielsen



OUR TOWN

Julie Murphy

Enterprises in Lake Villa, has donated a \$10,000 savings bond that will be raffled off to help raise money for the cause. Five hundred raffle tickets will be sold for \$50 each.

The rally will begin at 3 p.m. and will include a silent auction and drawings in addition to the raffle, live music, food and drinks. The farmers' market will also open at this time. Authentic, auto-graphed sports collectibles will be auctioned along with a wine package from Armanetti's and a tube and tow rope as part of the auc-

tion offerings.

Food will be served all day because the event falls on the Fourth of July weekend. Double Eagle restaurant will serve Italian beef, sausage and ice. Additionally, the Moose Lodge will serve hot dogs, hamburgers and bratwurst.

For this special Friday Fest, an additional band, Lost Canyon, will perform at 3 p.m. Split Shot will take the stage at 5 p.m. warming up for American English at 8 p.m.

Awards will be given at 7 p.m. for the motorcycles deemed "best of show," "best chrome," "best lights" and "community choice." Prizes will include trophies, savings bonds and restaurant gift certificates.

If you have interesting information or anecdotes to submit for "Our Town" call staff reporter Julie Murphy at 847-223-8161, ext. 600 or e-mail, moorfie@ix.netcom.com

SOUND OFF

A sampling of messages the Antioch News received in tabulating poll results.

We can't expand downtown. Antioch definitely needs new revenue.
The Knigge family

Why can't we be precise and develop our town with good taste and aesthetics?
Lori Short

It would spoil the ambience of the Antioch area, which is why we moved here.
Mike Patucci

I think it's too big for the wrong location. We should have diverse businesses in the downtown district.
Ron Riepe

It would be good for the senior residents who have trouble with transportation and can't afford to shop at stores downtown.
Anonymous caller

No-no-no to Wal-Mart! And any other oversized box store trying to locate into the Antioch area. We need growth but not this size or at this location. Again, no to Wal-Mart or any other oversized growth.
Jack Siegmeyer

Wal-Mart • What YOU'RE saying**COMMENTARY****Wal-Mart offers faulty trade-offs**

There is a common thread of logic running through all the calls and letters running in the Antioch News opinion poll on the question of permitting a Wal-Mart store to locate in Antioch: The retail behemoth would offer convenience, low prices and greater choice for a wide variety of everyday household needs.

In our uncertain, two-household worker economy where "every penny counts," it's pretty hard to refute arguments in favor of inviting Wal-Mart into our midst. So we'll give Wal-Mart backers some points and ask them to consider the broader picture.

Also, let's get the argument out of the way that Wal-Mart would be a big boost to economic development by enhancing the tax base and providing new jobs. Yes, but at what price? We can think of other business enterprises that would do the same thing, like a riverboat gambling casino, and some other not-so-nice endeavors that will go unmentioned. So economic development can be questionable.

In supporting Wal-Mart, a number of Antioch citizens seem to be overlooking the fact that the giant retailer is only part of a development envisioned east of our community. Triggered by Wal-Mart, the Route 173-Deep Lake Road commercial area would fracture Antioch's present retail-service business zone and overturn planning and zoning concepts followed for years, planning and zoning that pretty much has given us the community we know today. In effect, a "new" Antioch would be created under the guise of growth and development.

What has struck us in the ongoing debate over Wal-Mart is almost unanimous agreement that Antioch is a great community. No argument here. Citizens like our "small town" atmosphere including the typical mid-America tree-lined main street. We don't think of this way, but with our variety of shops and small businesses, Main Street and Lake Street are like a movie set. You almost expect to see Jimmy Stewart or Doris Day strolling down the avenue.

It's this quality of our town, universally described as "character," that is being jeopardized by the prospect of a mammoth box store and associated retail businesses that would decentralize Antioch commerce. Keep in mind that several other Lake County communities, only a few miles away, are in the process of spending millions to create in Disney fashion something we already have and cherish—a real live downtown with more than 100 years of history.

For some short term sales tax income gains and \$122,000 more in real estate taxes, it is the considered opinion of the Antioch News that Antioch would make a poor trade by letting Wal-Mart spring up in our midst at the risk of losing what we've got, a fully functioning downtown business community. There is just too much evidence to ignore otherwise when Wal-Mart comes to town, even if the prices of pins and zippers are cheaper and common household items are a little more convenient to pick up.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**Growth inevitable**

We live within the village limits of Antioch having moved here from Buffalo Grove two years ago. We're both in favor of Wal-Mart and some additional stores such as Kohl's or Target. Currently we are driving to Gurnee, Round Lake Beach or Vernon Hills to do our major shopping. It will be good to provide Antioch with some much needed tax revenue which can be used for our expanding schools, etc. Growth is coming to Antioch whether Antioch likes it or not. We should prepare to grow properly rather than being run over. With proper planning, we can make the growth enhance our village.

*George and Angela Schneider
Antioch*

Keep money local

Antioch needs a Wal-Mart. I would rather spend my money in Antioch rather than spend it in the Round Lake or Gurnee area. Now that is where your traffic jams are. Not only will you have your local residents shopping there but you will find that Wal-Mart will pull in residents from Wisc. borderlines towns since shopping there is far and few between. You'll even find the anti-Wal-Mart groups shopping there for their own convenience. Revenue from a store is better than more subdivisions, which means, more children, more school additions, more referendums and higher taxes.

*Lorraine Gudgeon
Lake Villa*

Unneighborly?

I'd like to take this opportunity to voice the opinions of at least two Antioch residents regarding the proposed Wal-Mart, Menard's, OutLots, and other box stores that are currently in front of the Village Board. We purchased our home three-and-one-half years ago. We share an east/west property line with what might be Menard's. The decisions that need to be made will drastically affect us and our neighbors.

*Julie Pasqua and John Piet
Antioch*

Village needs to wake up

Oversized negative growth is not needed in Antioch. The real issue is why is the Village of Antioch even considering such a large development. The Comprehensive Land Use Plan Ordinance clearly states that 5-acre commercial sites are the maximum. This proposed development is 66 acres. Everyone should be concerned that the Village is contemplating breaking the very law they enacted. How is this possible? Is the Village of Antioch making a statement to everyone that they are above the law? No matter what the development is, it should follow the law as stated in the Comprehensive Plan. Smart growth is the way of the future. Too many towns have been destroyed by big box development. This fact has been thoroughly documented. Yet, for some reason, the Village of Antioch thinks that they can succeed where the overwhelming majority failed. Antioch has the law in place to reject this oversized development. Hopefully, the Village of Antioch will wake up and follow the law by turning this development and any others of such a gross size down.

*Jodi Gott
Antioch*

Feeling gypped

I have lived in Antioch since 1972. I have been a firefighter in this town for over 25 years. In this time I have shopped Main St. twice, once for a wedding ring at Hahn's jeweler, and once at BJ's sporting goods for a fall coat, that cost me \$85. I later found it at Wal-Mart for a third of the cost. There has not been a place in town to buy clothes or shoes since Ben Franklin closed, unless you go to Four Squires, but that will cost you an arm and a leg. I cannot afford that; all of my shopping is done in Round Lake or Gurnee. Let's keep the money in Antioch.

*Ed Moore
Antioch*

Call for balance

We have been in Antioch for over seven years. Property taxes keep rising, and more strain will be put on the system with more housing that is going to be built. We need balanced growth, both business and residential for the village to financially survive. I can understand the folks who live next to/near the proposed site. I want a Wal-Mart in my town—just not in my backyard. I can understand the business owners in town, they're scared. They should be if they don't offer a unique product at a reasonable price they will not survive—and they should not! I feel that many of the downtown businesses will not be affected greatly, because they do offer unique products at a fair price with service and expertise you will never find at Wal-Mart. We will see a Wal-Mart either in Antioch, or somewhere nearby. I love our town and wish it would never change, however that's not realistic, so let's do what right in the long run. My family drives to Wal-Mart at least once a week. That means a minimum of 52 times a year, almost 52 hours drive time. Which costs about \$104 in gas. We spend a lot of money there, tax money that currently goes to Round Lake, NOT Antioch. Recap: Wasted 52 hours driving, spent over \$100 in gas, no tax revenue to Antioch.

*James and Margaret Woolke
Antioch*

What's in it for us?

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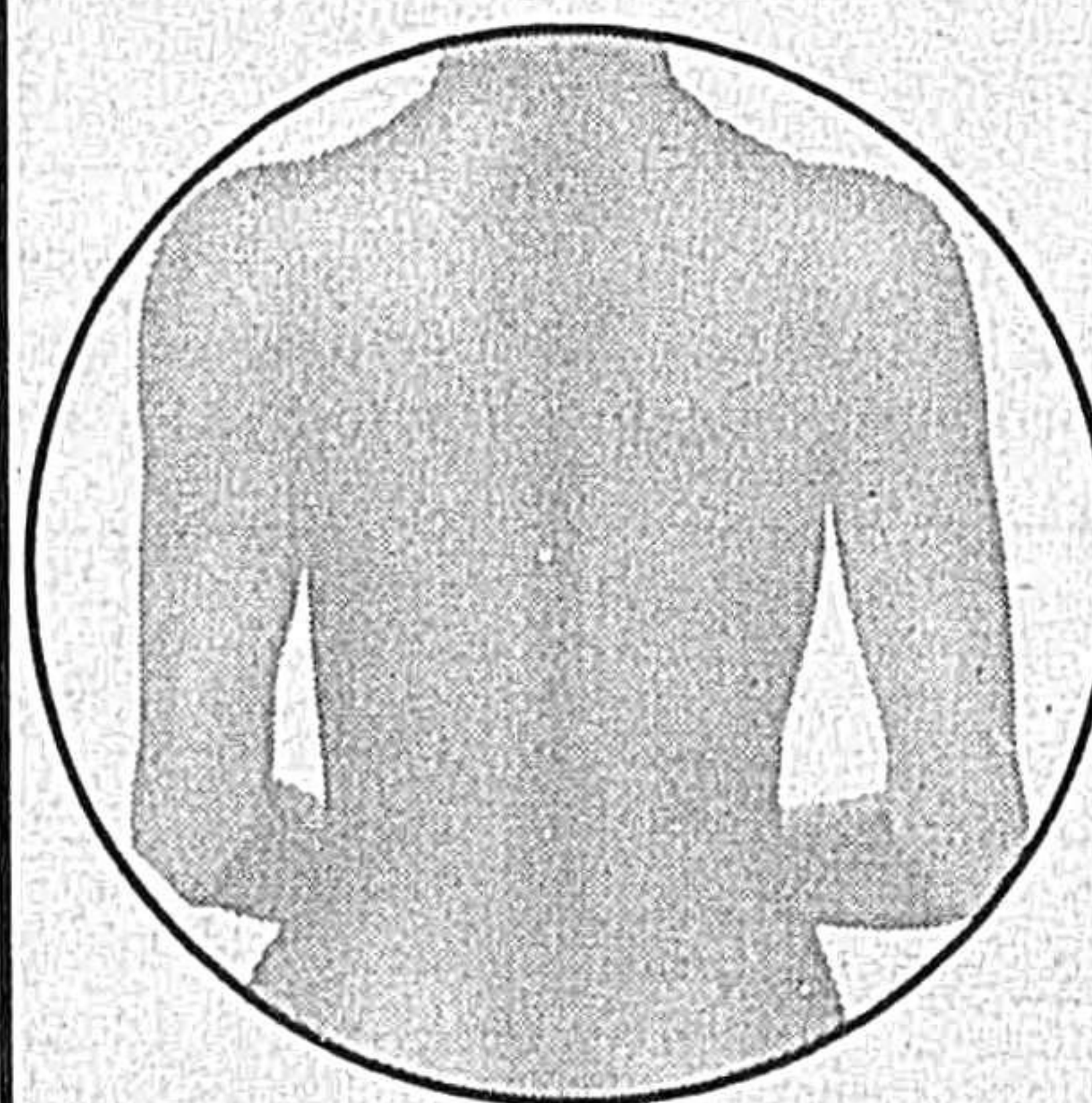
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LOCAL DIGEST

Sprinkling restrictions in effect

The Village of Antioch's sprinkling restrictions will be in effect until further notice.

Those with even-numbered addresses are allowed to sprinkle on even-numbered days. Likewise, those with odd-numbered addresses are allowed to sprinkle on odd-numbered days.

Sprinkling is only allowed between the hours of 6 p.m.-6 a.m.

For more information, call the water and sewer department at 847-395-1881.

Friday Fest welcomes visitors to Antioch

The theme for the July 5 Friday Fest is "Ride into Summer for Kids." An additional band, Lost Canyon, will perform at 3 p.m. Split Shot will take the stage at 5 p.m. warming up for American English at 8 p.m.

As with all Fridays through Aug. 30, the farmers' market will be open from 3-7 p.m. Itty Bitty Barter opens at 5 p.m.

For more information, call community development at 395-6342.

Pancake breakfast June 30

Eat pancakes with friends and family at the eighth annual Pancake Breakfast on June 30 from 7 a.m.-noon at the main fire station located at Orchard and Holbek.

The Antioch firefighter's Association will be showcasing the fire station and equipment. Additionally, with the used of the Fox Lake Fire Dept. Fire Safety House, children will be given instruction on exit drills and safety.

Along with the breakfast there will be a raffle and prizes. Raffle tickets will be sold at the door for \$1 each or six for \$5.

Tickets for the breakfast will be sold at the door. Adults are \$5; children between 6-12 years old are \$3 as are seniors. Children under 5 years old eat for free.

Soapbox derby after pancake breakfast

Come cheer on all the hopeful racers who have chosen to participate in Antioch's third annual soap box derby after filling up on the

pancakes being served at the firefighters' pancake breakfast. The race will blaze down the east side of Orchard St. on June 30 at noon.

The parks department has assembled a volunteer group to run the race. Raymond Chevrolet and SpaceWalk of Antioch are sponsoring the prizes that are yet to be determined.

The age groups are as follows: adults, 16 years old and older; youth, 10-15 years old; child, 5-9 years old. The cost is \$25 per entry.

Great odds with Chamber raffle

Either a Caribbean Cruise or a stay at an all-inclusive resort in Cancun would take the humdrum out of summer.

The Antioch Chamber of Commerce and Industry will award one trip of choice to the lucky person holding the winning ticket when the drawing is held at Antioch's Taste of Summer.

Only 300 tickets will be sold. Chances cost \$25 each.

Call the Chamber for ticket information at 847-395-2233. Acceptable forms of payment include checks, cash, MasterCard and Visa.

Golfers' Challenge

The Antioch Chamber of Commerce and Industry is hosting its annual golf outing on July 31 and is featuring a "hole in one" opportunity for someone to win a new car or a new truck.

Golf and lunch will be held at the Antioch Golf Course and dinner at the Harbor Club.

Hole and tee sponsors are being accepted as well as raffle donations to ensure everyone has a "swinging good time."

Call the Chamber at 847-395-2233 to reserve a foursome or sponsorship or raffle donation.

Take pounds off

TOPS (take pounds off sensibly) meets every Wednesday at the Antioch Senior Center. Weigh-ins begin at 6:30 p.m., and the meetings begin at 7 p.m. For more information call 847-395-6443 or 847-395-8143.

NEIGHBORS

Name: Mark Waggoner

Home: Lindenhurst

Occupation: Student at Antioch Community High School

Community involvement: I will be in the Antioch Fourth of July parade

I'm originally from: Rockford, Ill.

I attend: Antioch Community High School.

My family consists of: My sister Ellen and my mom and dad Nancy and Brad.

My pets are: A cat named Bosco.

What I like best about my town: The band and the choir.

The secret to my success is: Many years of work- not really hard work, but work.

I relax by: Reading, watching television or playing basketball.

My perfect day would be: I like a good, busy day.



The last book I read was: "Salem's Lot" by Stephen King.

Favorite TV shows are: "X-Files" and "West Wing."

Favorite movie: "The Rock."

Favorite band or musician: Dream Day.

Favorite restaurant:

Ming's of China in Gurnee.

If I won the lottery, I would: Invest it, buy a car and put myself through college.

My greatest accomplishment is: I achieved everything I wanted to musically this year.

My pet peeve is: I'm the dishwasher general at my house. If things aren't put in the dishwasher just right, then everything doesn't fit.

If I had a plane ticket anywhere, I would go to: Hawaii.

If you have a "Neighbor" that you would like to see profiled in this column, call Lakeland Newspapers at 847-223-8161.

Calendar

GOT SOMETHING GOING ON? GIVE US A CALL!

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A 14-day notice is requested for all items.

Friday, July 5

7:30 a.m., Lake County Chamber of Commerce networkers group meets at the Hampton Inn in Gurnee. For info., call 847-249-3800

3-7 p.m., The Antioch Farmer's Market will take place every Friday from June 14 to Aug. 30 and will be held on Skidmore, behind Orchard and Main St. For more details, call 847-395-6342

6-8:30 p.m., Cruise Night held in downtown Long Grove. See the classic cars parked throughout the downtown area and enjoy the local shops and restaurants that stay open late for this event. Held on the first Friday of each month through October. For details, call 847-634-0888

Saturday, July 6

9:30-11 a.m., Singles Breakfast Group for ages 55 plus. Held at In-Laws Restaurant, 720 Rte. 21 in Gurnee. Call Pat at 847-367-4936

Sunday, July 7

9th Annual Gearjammer Car Show and Swap meet held at the Lake County Fairgrounds, Rte. 45 and Rte. 120 in Grayslake. Admission is \$7 for adults or \$2 for ages 6-11

Monday, July 8

12:45 p.m., Bingo held at The Antioch Senior Center, call 847-395-7120 for details

5:30 p.m., TOPS group meets in Lindenhurst at the Victory Ambulatory Surgery Center and Outpatient Services at 1050 Red Oak Lane on the first floor. Call Tina at 847-265-9364

9:30-11:30 a.m., Prairie Patch Quilting Guild meets at Shepherd of the Lakes Church, Grayslake, call 847-223-5759

7-9 p.m., Lakes Area Community Band rehearsal at ACHS, information at 847-395-6729

Tuesday, July 9

11 a.m. AARP (for adults 55 and older) meets at Antioch Senior Center, 817 Holbeck Dr., for more info., call 847-395-5068

6:45 p.m., Antioch VFW Bingo, doors open 4:30 p.m., call 847-395-5393

7 p.m., Lake County Genealogical Society meets at the Fremont Public Library, 1170 Midlothian Rd. in Mundelein. Topic will be, "Citizenship and your Immigrant Ancestor." Everyone is welcome to attend. Call Joan at 847-587-5349

7-8 p.m. Weigh to Win program held at Calvary Christian Center, Monaville Rd., west of Rte. 83 in Lake Villa. Call 847-356-6181 for info.

7:30 p.m., Mothers & More meets in Grayslake. The group offers playgroups, mom's nights out and activities. Call Nancy at 847-223-9668

Wednesday, July 10

8 a.m., American Business Woman's Assoc. meets at Keller Williams Realty Office on Rte. 83, south of Rte. 173 in Antioch, 847-838-6500

9 a.m., H.O.M.E. (Home Office Managers & Entrepreneurs) group meets on the second Wed.

of each month. If you've ever thought about starting your own business or already have a business, come join in the exchange of ideas and information from other business owners. For more details, call 847-367-7118

Noon-1:30 p.m., 23rd Birthday Party of the Central Lake County Christian Women's Connection. Held at The Country Squire, Rte. 45 and 120 in Grayslake. Guest speaker on party planning, live music and more. \$13.50 includes lunch. Reservations necessary for lunch and complimentary nursery. Call Alice at 847-918-1518 or Darcy at 847-336-4084

6:30 p.m., TOPS Weight Loss weigh-in, 7 p.m. meeting at Antioch Senior Center, 817 Holbeck, info. at 847-395-6443 or 847-395-8143

7-8:30 p.m., A Safe Place/Lake County Crisis offers free support groups in Lake County for women who are victims of abuse. Meetings in Round Lake, call 847-249-4450

1 p.m., Antioch Woman's Club regular meeting at United Methodist Church of Antioch, information at 847-395-4210

Thursday, July 11

8-9 a.m., Network Lake County, a business networking group, meets at In-Laws restaurant in Gurnee, call 847-548-5305 for details

Thurs. to Sun., Scoop the Loop event held in downtown Waukegan. This annual weekend event continues to grow with new attractions, vendors, and cars. Street Rods, Hot Rods, Low Riders and Muscle cars galore are driven in the "Loop" of downtown Waukegan. Vendors, food, live music, a sock hop and much more make this the perfect weekend to visit Waukegan

7:30 p.m., Village of Antioch Planning & Zoning Board meets at the Municipal Bldg., 874 Main St. Call 847-395-1000 to confirm

Friday, July 12

7:30-8:30 a.m., The Business Networking Group meets at Centre Lights Cafe next to Condell in Libertyville, call Dan at 847-803-9904 during business hours

Saturday, July 13

Sat. 11 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun. 7 a.m.-3 p.m., Antique, Collectables & Flea Market held at the Lake County Fairgrounds, Hwy. 45 and Rte. 120 in Grayslake. \$4 admission. For more information, call 715-526-9769

4:15 p.m., Fundraising hockey game sponsored by The Grayslake Hockey Club with players from the Grayslake and Antioch area playing fire dept. personnel from the two areas, held at Rink Side Sports in Gurnee Mills. For tickets, call the Grayslake Fire Dept. or call Mr. Kugler at 847-223-1765

Sunday, July 14

8 a.m.-3 p.m., Antiques & Collectables Show held at the College of Lake County Bldg. #7 in Grayslake. Dealers from throughout the Midwest selling goods. \$2 admission or \$10 for early buyers (6 a.m.) For more info., call 847-356-7499

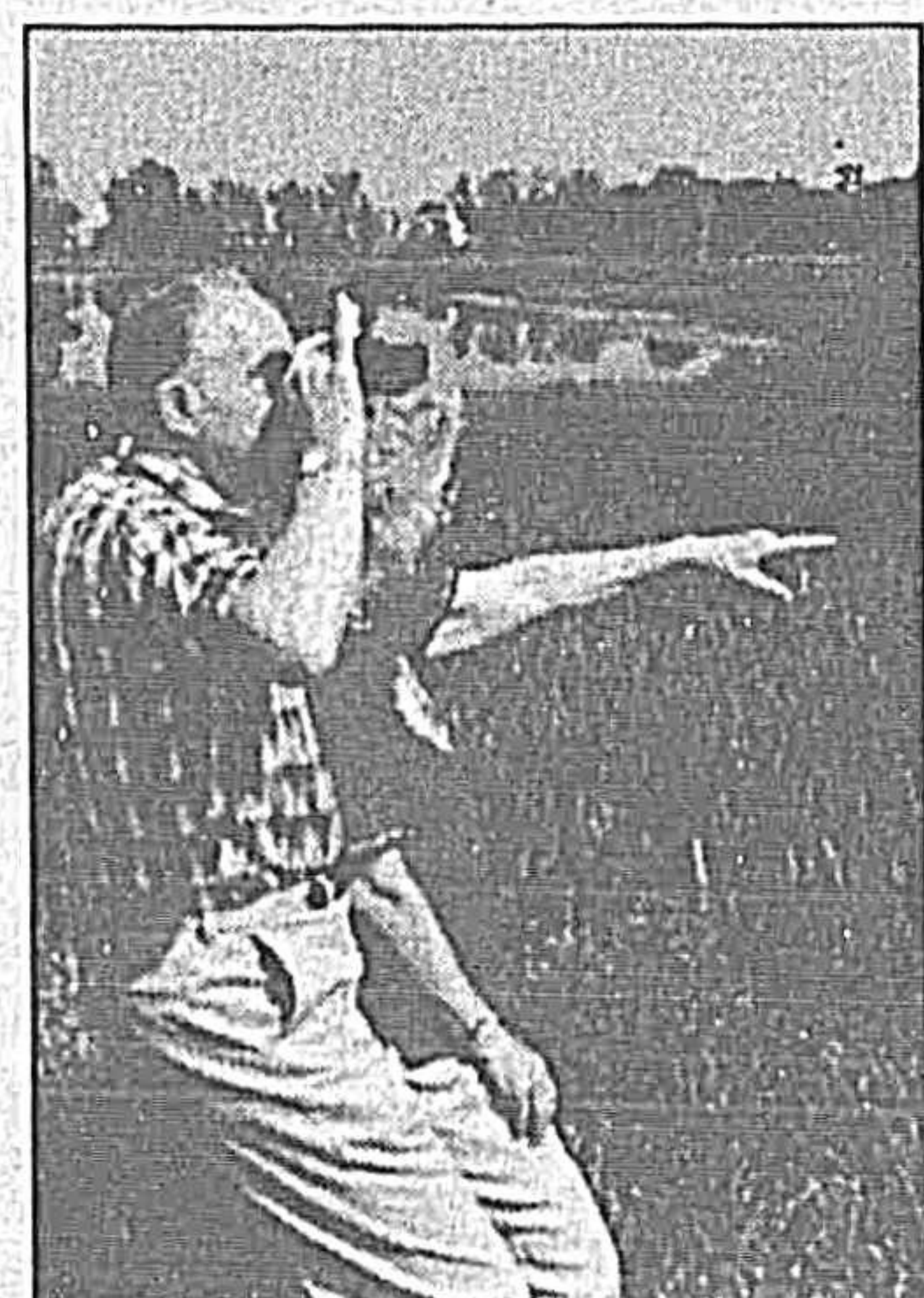
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Wal-Mart • What YOU'RE saying

FROM PAGE A5 LETTERS

posed new guidelines for "Smart Growth" in order to save our communities from destruction. Land Planners across the country agree this type of development is the way of the past.

Ralph H. Antonelli
Antioch

Take what's ours

A lot of people would shop at the new Wal-Mart already drive through Antioch to get to Round Lake or Gurnee to shop there. Since this is happening, why not let the potential tax dollars go to Antioch. I don't feel that the businesses in Antioch, for the most part, will have a lot of competition from a Wal-Mart because there is a difference in the quality of the goods available. I also feel that there are many specialty shops in town that carry items unavailable at Wal-Mart. People that shop in town most likely also shop at Wal-Mart due to the above stated reasons. As far as some of the business owners in town that don't want Wal-Mart, the reasoning behind that seems obvious. Their inflated convenience store pricing would give them some competition. While I do frequent the "convenience stores" in town, it is because of convenience, when driving all the way to Wal-Mart or Menard's for one or two items isn't worth the time it would take to drive there and back, wait in line, etc. The concerns I have against Wal-Mart are as follows: I worry about the environmental impact on the area where the store would be built. I worry about the development of roads to handle the altered traffic flow. I'm sure the schools could put the tax dollars to good use for our children. I grew up in Antioch and have seen the town grow from a population of 3,000 when I was a child to where it is today. It is said you can't stop progress, which may be true. It just needs to be handled responsibly. I would much rather see a Wal-Mart in Antioch as opposed to more housing. More tax dollars for the school or more kids for the school is probably the choice for Antioch to make. Personally I think the schools already have enough kids. Let's get those kids more tax dollars.

Mary Horton
Antioch, Ill.

Not what we bargained for

I moved my family to Antioch two years ago to enjoy the quiet country setting and put my two boys through a school system with teachers who actually care about the kids. So far we're very pleased. What I didn't realize when we made the choice to move, was that almost all of the businesses in this quaint, beautiful little town charge some of the highest prices in all of Lake County for simple everyday items, if you can find them at all. Part of our weekly routine includes driving out to Gurnee, Round Lake Beach or McHenry to buy our weekly needs. I really don't see how you folks who say Wal-Mart will be bad for Antioch can justify your arguments.

Dan Larsen
Antioch

Don't worry

Our schools need the tax money. Downtown won't be hurt, because it is

too specialized. When I need to go to a Wal-Mart, I go to one. It would be nice to spend the money at a Wal-Mart in town! Even if we don't have one in our town, one will be built nearby. Then we don't get the tax money, but we will get the traffic on our roads.

Amy Henning
Antioch

Build the tax base

Those who are worried about the "small town" atmosphere and the businesses in downtown Antioch to be affected, need only to look at towns like Naperville and other western suburbs where the same has occurred. I originally came from Naperville. The downtown remains with businesses and has continued to be the main focus and area for tourists and people to spend their money. You need to keep the downtown area attractive and inviting enough with restaurants and shops where people want to spend their time and spend their money.

As for traffic increasing, with all the subdivisions and people who've moved into the Antioch area within the past 5 years, it's already been increased! How has this affected you personally? Think about it. It hasn't affected me. I still move around the town as I did when I moved to it almost 5 years ago. It's imminent that the main roads will need to be widened.

My preference would be to rather spend my money in my town than find the need to go to neighboring towns to spend it. I prefer stores like Wal-Mart, K-Mart, Target, and Kohl's to shop for my children's clothing and necessities for my home. I do, however, continue to shop in Antioch when I need items which are available to me here. Having a Wal-Mart in Antioch wouldn't change my shopping habits.

The growth in this town has been happening already. I'd like to see my town begin to look ahead and plan for a better tax base. It's time to think ahead and start planning well. Let's get the neighboring towns and the neighboring state to come into our town to spend their money.

Pamela Haines
Antioch

Don't stop building

I can't wait to get a Wal-Mart in Antioch and I hope phase two includes a Menard's and/or a Home Depot. I'm tired of driving to Gurnee or Round Lake to get what I need at a decent price. The only time I run to town to shop is when I'm in the middle of a project and don't have time to make the trip out of town for something I need in a hurry, but I usually end up searching both hardware stores in Antioch and then still having to take the long drive to find what I want. Downtown isn't going to die because of Wal-Mart, but it might change some (for the better) when storeowners are forced to be competitive. Promoting the industrial park and filling the stores in town isn't going to happen any time soon. ARRG makes it sound like this is an easy thing to do. If it was, why hasn't it happened already? Growth is inevitable. Antioch is growing in many ways and this is a chance for growth in a way that is going to bring a lot of much needed money into our town.

Steve Tiddens
Antioch

We need help

I live on a fixed income and every

time you turn around there is another project on a referendum and my taxes go up again. There is not enough business money to support this town and we need more tax money from the commercial side to help with the expenses.

Jim Norwood
Antioch

Learn to compete

We need tax relief. We need our sales and property tax dollars to help support our village and schools. We need a choice; competition is good for the consumer. Our downtown has too many specialty shops and not enough practical shops. Ace Hardware, True Value and Jewel have all learned to compete with Wal-Mart in other towns; why can't they in Antioch?

Steve Turner
Antioch

Why we need it

Wal-Mart is needed because:

- We need the tax revenue
- We need other stores in the same complex that Antioch Town Center cannot attract

- We need the convenience for items that cannot be bought in Antioch

- We don't need to send our revenue to Round Lake Beach or Gurnee

Some say that Wal-Mart will bring unwanted traffic:

- Traffic from Kenosha County Wisconsin will certainly come but they bring revenue

- Traffic will grow regardless because of Neumann Homes coming in

Some say that Wal-Mart will kill the Town Center:

- Specialty stores will not be affected much

- Hardware and grocery will feel the most effect, but should not be greatly impacted

- Local Hardware offers location, customer service & help, Wal-Mart offers a limited selection and no help (If you want to know customer help—try the Antioch True Value. I always shop there.)

- Local Hardware offers many more items that Wal-Mart does not carry

- Grocery will only go to Wal-Mart if people already go to Round Lake Beach

- People who like Jewel and Piggly-Wiggly will still shop there

Some people complain that Wal-Mart will kill their property values:

- Partially true—they probably won't get top dollar but someone will like the convenience of a store very close

- Wal-Mart will bring more growth to the 173 corridor from Deep Lake Road going east.

Richard Dzielak
Antioch

Caveat emptor

For all those in favor of Wal-Mart perhaps you will be interested in this comparison: Last month we visited a town in Wisconsin that is almost the same size as Antioch. I mean both in downtown stores and population. In the last year they were graced with a new Super Wal-Mart such as the one proposed for our village. They also have a K-mart and are home to the largest Fleet and Farm in the state of Wisconsin. They have three large grocery stores also. The nearest Wal-Mart is 45 minutes to an hour away, not just two Wal-Marts within 10 minutes each. This Wal-Mart has been running at a loss since it has opened. Just how much revenue do you think that town has coming into their coffers from Wal-Mart? Are you so sure of the projected figures of revenue that the village is supposed to receive every month? That town did not have any Wal-Mart competition and they are not showing a profit yet. What if their projections are wrong and we are left paying for all the services that are needed to support this large complex that the Village of Antioch is required to provide? Who is going to provide the money to widen Rt. 173? The state has no immediate plans to do so. Maybe we should ask more questions before we consider this a gift. Remember the old

adage: "If it seems too good to be true, chances are it will not be true!"

Gail Rasmussen
Antioch

Give us more

For years people in this area said that we need a bigger tax base. I don't know why there is such a change of heart now. I would like to have more choices closer by. Personally I would prefer a Meijer's Fresh Foods, which is very similar, but either way my vote is yes for Wal-Mart.

Ed Kanabay
Antioch

Beginning of end

This is the beginning of the end of a proud community. People move here to get away from other congested areas. They like the small town, personal atmosphere. Over-sized negative growth—sprawl—dense housing—will all create negative impact on our way of life.

All matters of concerns will be detrimentally affected. Schools, traffic, environment, and a central business district.

Smart Growth is the right choice but we seem to have a few people who just don't get the whole picture and need to look further than their immediate needs.

Why don't we all use our intellect, view other communities that have made the wrong choice, and follow a plan that can span generations.

Can't Antioch be smarter and stand by its convictions? Let's not succumb to developers.

Sandi Siegmeyer
Antioch

Put a sock in it

All I hear from the supporters of Wal-Mart building an oversized monstrosity in Antioch is they "can't buy socks" in Antioch. Amazing! We have two clothing stores—seems to me you can buy socks there. We have a Walgreens—seems to me you can buy socks there. Guess what, you can buy socks at our Osco store.

I am not against development; my last name should tell you that. However, the size of store that Wal-Mart is proposing for Antioch will destroy my Antioch. Round Lake has a much smaller Wal-Mart than the one proposed for Antioch and what has it done to their more populated town? The money didn't stay in Round Lake; it was sucked down to Arkansas and left the schools scrambling to find cash.

Too many small towns have been destroyed by Wal-Mart by the false promises of generating income for the town. After you take all the funds needed to police and support these huge stores, and put the real supporters of a town out of business, then the schools have less money, the town has less money, and the charities in town have less money. Look at Gurnee—they've got all the big box stores and yet, they couldn't pay their bills with all this revenue; they had to impose a municipal sales tax to pay for all the support personnel required for these box stores.

Say hello to Wal-Mart and say goodbye to Antioch, my hometown.

Pete Thelen
Antioch

It's too late

I have lived, worked, raised my family and volunteered in this community for over 65 years. If I had the power to "keep Antioch quaint" I would have closed the doors when the population signs read 400. I was amazed at the number of people who spoke against Wal-Mart who had lived in the area for a total of two or three years. They didn't know Antioch when it was "quaint" or when you could shop for anything you needed in town.

I realize everyone has the right to an opinion, however, there were many people voicing their opinions on Village of Antioch business and they are not residents of the Village of Antioch. I hope that you as elected officials of the Village of Antioch base your decisions on the needs of the village and its residents rather than on being coerced by a group of people who do not really have the best interest of the village at heart. They want to close down all development, residential or commercial, at all costs and without concern for the well-being of the community. When it comes to paying the way for the legal fees incurred to fight all development, as they wish, they are unaffected and it falls to the residents of the village of Antioch to do so.

Downtown Antioch died years ago when our appliance stores, show stores, department stores, variety stores and dress shops folded. This was due to all the shopping areas built within a short drive of our town. Fortunately, we have

attracted a great variety of shops that fill the empty building left by those lost businesses. Not one of them is threatened by Wal-Mart selling an antique or collectible.

Garnet Carney
Antioch

Don't take it personally

I, as many of you, have read the letters to the editors in the paper and believe it is not necessary to take personal attacks on residents supporting the Wal-Mart issue. We are still living in the United States of America. I think the residents surrounding Antioch are allowed to have their personal opinion and freedom of speech regarding commercial development, but I also agree whatever the end result will be, we are a community that works together for the good of the Antioch area, and I personally feel this will be good for Antioch.

I feel it is very important to make contact with your village trustees and planning and zoning board members giving them the support to say YES to commercial development for our area. E-mail vilgclerk@antioch-il.org or call the Village Hall at 847-395-1000.

Joan Horan
Antioch

All wrong

I am against the Wal-Mart proposal in Antioch. It is the wrong size in the wrong place! To pass this proposal as it stands, will only destroy Antioch's uniqueness! To accept everything the developers say and not challenge the studies put before us, will only cause destruction. This is NOT good decision-making! We must evaluate every phrase of this project with independent studies to make a wise decision. We must all agree upon the best choice for the betterment of our community. If this means we must invest more time and money, surely it will be worth it in the end.

Jan Sternberg
Antioch

Learn a lesson

I am OPPOSED to the new Wal-Mart in Antioch. My hometown of Central City, Ky. was decimated because of a Wal-Mart that was built 20 years ago. The downtown businesses closed, the buildings were in disrepair and now the downtown area is gone. Many of the dilapidated buildings have been razed with nothing built to replace them. Wal-Mart is not a good neighbor to small businesses.

Terry Childers
Antioch

Just say no

No-no-no to Wal-Mart! And any other oversized box store trying to locate into the Antioch area. We need growth but not this size or at this location. Again, no to Wal-Mart or any other oversized growth.

Jack Siegmeyer
Antioch

Let's do it right

I think Wal-Mart would be a good idea, and these are the reasons why: The revenue is going to Gurnee, Round Lake and Wisconsin.

Over the years, the town of Antioch has allowed for subdivisions to build everywhere, almost on top of each other. You call this progress? The embezzlement of the money from the elderly lady that left the millions.

The school's situation, and the fact that the governor says he doesn't have enough money for it, or for the new high school that's being built.

Almost everyone in Antioch goes to Gurnee or Round Lake to that Wal-Mart, and it just makes sense to go to one closer to home. This way, everyone will receive that revenue.

And that fact that everyone is talking about having to give up their "small-town" life gave up that when they let the subdivisions be built, and all of the tourists to come here. So that is already lost.

Ace and True Value—When you go into their stores, and you look for something that's not there, and you ask them to order it, they say, sure, and then when you go back into the store at a later date, it still isn't there. So how can they be complaining about losing money to the new Wal-Mart, or any other store, when they don't even help themselves get money by giving good customer service?

I can go to Wal-Mart, Home Depot, etc. and get the same thing from them at lower prices and better service.

It's about time we did something for the town of Antioch and maybe for the township, too. I think Wal-Mart is a good neighbor.

P.J. Albury
Antioch

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